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Senate Bill No. 261 – AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes to support Sections 5 and 6 of S.B. 261 – AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on S.B. 261. The Connecticut Federation of Lakes was a strong supporter of the previous legislation which created the “Save our Lakes” license plate and which established and enhanced the “Connecticut Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds Preservation Account” (Public Acts 18-101 and 19-190). The Federation also provided the design of the license plate. Protecting Connecticut’s lakes, ponds, and rivers from damage done by aquatic invasive species and cyanobacteria has never been more important. The Connecticut Federation of Lakes strongly supports the clarifications and improvements that are in Sections 5 and 6 of S.B. 261. These measures will help protect our state waters and the recreational, environmental, and aesthetic value they provide to the citizens of Connecticut.